

HB 859 -- JACKIE ROBINSON DAY

SPONSOR: Dunn

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill designates April 15 of each year as "Jackie Robinson Day" in Missouri and encourages citizens to observe the day in honor of Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play major league baseball.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill recognizes an outstanding individual who broke racial barriers, not only in sports, but in life.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dunn and the Negro League Baseball Museum.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.